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A Final Word Of "Thanks"!



Don and Lois Moffat

It is with a bit of mixed emotions we close out our ministry of editing THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST. We have served in this capacity for sixteen years. They have been precious years! We are confident this is of the Lord and we look to Him to richly bless Brother Brock as he takes over this responsible work.

Just this word regarding my health. So many of you have prayed! I saw my doctor several days ago (I am writing this as of December 15) and he was well pleased with the way my leg is healing. It is in the best condition it has been in for years! Also, he had me stop taking antibiotic pills to kill the staph infection in my blood stream. It appears that this has been cared for as well. He did say to watch my health closely. If this staph infection should flare up again, I am to contact him immediately and he will put me back on taking antibiotics. Please continue in prayer.

As many of you already know, we had planned on making a visit to five different countries in South America and minister among our missionaries. This had to be cancelled because of my problem with staph infection. Since we were not able to make that trip, it appeared as though we might be making an ocean voyage - Caribbean Cruise. We would visit three

different islands - Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel (Mexico). This was to have been our way of celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary. Actually, our anniversary was last August 25th but at that time I was in the hospital being fed intravenously!

There were to have been eight of us (four couples) making the trip. Due to the severe illness of one of the ladies who is now on a critical list and in intensive care and because one of the men must soon have surgery, we decided to cancel out the whole trip. The very fact we considered making the trip was because of the gift of money presented us last October at our OARBC conference in Dayton. We have accepted the cancelling of this trip as from the Lord. His will is always best.

This means our Sundays of January 17 and 24 are OPEN dates and we would be able to fill them with meetings. .if, that is, such an opportunity should present itself.

In grace, the Lord has already given us twenty-two meetings for 1982. In fact, we have set up a number for 1983. These will take us to Iowa, Illinois, New York, Michigan, Texas, and Ohio. We still have other open dates we would like to fill. We want to keep busy serving the Lord until Jesus comes or He calls us unto Himself.

This one last word - please do pray for Pastor and Mrs. Brock as they travel the state of Ohio together in the work of Editor/State Representative for our OARBC. The success of our brother's work will depend greatly on your faithfulness in praying for him. Thanks again for all your prayers for us and PLEASE DO NOT FORGET US - PRAY FOR US, TOO.

Any who might want us for meetings should write: Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio - 45385 or phone (513) 376-1196.

The Beginning Of A New Church

On June 7, 1981, the Beaver Baptist Bible Church, Beaver, Ohio, held its first service. This new church is under the direction of Pastor Ward Miller, missionary with Hiawatha Baptist Missions. Pastor and Mrs. Miller moved to this new area in May. A building was rented on Main Street, and with the generous help of the men from Grace Baptist Church in Minford, the building was made ready for meetings on June 7. The first Sunday there were eight people in attendance for the morning services and eleven for the evening.

In July, a Vacation Bible School was conducted with Grace Baptist Church in Minford helping with supplies. There was a high attendance of seventeen with two seventh-grade students accepting the Lord as their Savior.

On August 8, the Junior young people from Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, visited and canvassed the village.

Pastor Ward Miller and his wife, Jessie, are both products of Hiawatha Baptist Missions, having come to know the Lord in a Mission Church in Limestone, Michigan. Ward attended Michigan State University after High School. Then he worked in management for the F. W. Woolworth Company for a few years. He attended evening school at Fourth Central Baptist Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Millers applied and were accepted with Hiawatha Baptist Missions in September 1974. Their first field of service was in Navarino, Wisconsin, beginning in December 1974. That Church went self-supporting in August 1978, and they called for their first pastor, Timothy Northey, who was then Youth Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus.

The Millers' second field of service was in Wabeno, Wisconsin, where they served for two years and three months. Then they followed the Lord's leading to do



Pastor and Mrs. Miller

more deputation to raise additional support. While on deputation, the field of Beaver was brought to their attention. After much prayer, they have followed the Lord's leading to Beaver to establish another G.A.R.B.C. church.

The people of the area have chosen the name of Beaver Baptist Bible Church, and we look forward to seeing this name become well known in the whole state of Ohio.

Twenty-Five Years Of Faithful Service



Rev. and Mrs. Ben Garlich

On October 24th, Huntsburg Baptist Church in Huntsburg, Ohio held a surprise anniversary party to honor their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Garlich, for 25 years of faithful service at Huntsburg.

The next day, October 25th, the congregation celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the church. Featured speaker of the day was Dr. Robert Domokos of Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa. A pot luck dinner was held after the morning service. For the evening service, the auditorium was lighted with kerosene lamps and many in the congregation dressed in old fashioned clothes. Cake and punch were served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Featured attraction of the two celebrations was a cake designed as an exact replica of the church.

A United Effort!



A meeting of some of the leaders of several home mission agencies was called by Austin D. Plew, President of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions at the home office in Elyria, Ohio on September 9. Those attending were (left to right): Rev. Larry McCauley, Fields Director of H.B.M.; Rev. Wayne Ritchie, Fields Representative of G.B.M.; Rev. Austin Plew, President of F.B.H.M.; Rev. Leigh Adams, North American Secretary with B.M.M.; Rev. Larry Vincent, Deputation Secretary of H.B.M.; Rev. David Smith, Director of G.B.M.; and Dr. Floyd Davis, Executive Director U.S.A. with A.B.W.E.

In view of the fact that the spiritual needs of the North American Continent have become increasingly apparent to all, it was the consensus of opinion that there must be a united effort put forth on the part of our home mission agencies approved by the G.A.R.B.C. In this initial meeting, plans were laid for future developments toward a more concerted effort put forth in the home mission ministry in North America.

In this meeting, six major and common problems of home missions were identified and addressed. These were (1) Cooperation with State Associations - Rev. Austin Plew (2) Support levels for Home Missions - Rev. Leigh Adams (3) Local Church Missions Education - Rev. Larry Vincent (4) College and Seminary Planting Curriculum - Rev. David Smith (5) Internships for Home Missions - Rev. Wayne Ritchie and (6) Inter-Mission Agency Cooperation - Rev. Larry McCauley. All of these men are making special studies in their respective areas.

The next meeting of the Home Missions Council is scheduled for February 22, 1982 in the home office of the Hiawatha Baptist Mission, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Smoke Signals From The Scioto Hills Reservation

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Yes, that's right! Scioto Hills holds the line against inflation by offering their 1982 campers the same fee as was paid in 1981. (\$55.00 per camper, per week.) With this fantastic price, you may want to register early to reserve your place at Scioto Hills. Registration begins February 1, 1982. Here is the summer camp schedule to help you decide which week you want to attend.

June 14 - 19	Junior
June 21 - 26	Jr. High
June 28 - July 3	Junior
July 5 - 10	Sr. High
July 12 - 17	Jr. High
July 19 - 24	Junior
July 26 - 31	Thunderfoot Juniors
August 2 - 7	Thunderfoot Teens

(A detailed brochure will be coming out soon!)

WHEN YOU RETREAT — HEAD FOR THE HILLS!

Don't forget to mark on your calendars the fantastic retreats that are planned at the Scioto Hills Reservation. These retreats are designed to provide fellowship around God's Word in the surroundings of His beautiful world. Plan now to attend!

Jan. 29-30 Jr. Hi Retreat
Dr. Callan, Speaker
Feb. 5-6 Sr. Hi. Retreat
Tim Bosworth, Speaker
Feb. 12-13 College & Career
Dr. James Grier, Speaker
March 5-6 Junior Retreat T.B.A.
April 30-May 1 Men's Retreat
Dr. Ernest Pickering, Speaker
June 12 Family Day T.B.A.
Sept. 9-11 Ladies Retreat T.B.A.
Oct. 1-2 Couples Retreat T.B.A.

Also, keep in mind the camp is available for your church, youth group, etc. to rent the facilities for your own special time of fellowship and activity. If interested contact Gary Storm, director.

THANKS FOR A GREAT '81

To God be the glory for the great things He has done, and continues to do at

Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp.

We want to say a BIG thank you to all those who contributed to the ministry of Scioto Hills in 1981. We are grateful to the Lord for prayer warriors who faithfully hold the ministry of Scioto Hills before the throne of grace. We praise the Lord for a constituency of godly churches and pastors who loyally support the camp program throughout the year. We deeply appreciate all those who give of themselves and their time to physically help in the progress of the grounds and buildings. And we thank the campers and their parents for coming to Scioto Hills and giving us the privilege of serving them. 1981 was the biggest year ever at Scioto Hills with 648 campers. We eagerly anticipate an even greater year of God's blessing in 1982.

The Scioto Hills Board and Staff

GROUNDS REPORT

Great improvements were accomplished in the past year on the physical plant of Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp. The 4,200 sq. ft. Steed-McKeever Memorial Chapel was completed and has already been a tremendous asset to the ministry. A double tennis court with fence was added to the athletic facilities. The trading post was expanded with an addition and winterized. Also winterized was the boys cabin.

The dining hall is progressing in its project of remodeling and winterizing. We are trusting the Lord that work will be completed soon. PLEASE PRAY that God would supply the dining hall with a large convection oven. This would greatly facilitate the working of the staff in preparing meals.

(If you have any information concerning this need please contact Gary Storm.)

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A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER



Abide With Me

A Sick Preacher Takes A Walk

During the first half of the last century it was not uncommon for the townspeople of Brixham, England, to see a frail middle-aged man stroll thoughtfully along the seashore. The mild-mannered man was the town's parson and he had taken his daily walks by the sea for 20 years. That was the way he worked out his sermons.

But on a Sunday afternoon in September, 1847, the Reverend Henry Francis Lyte took his walk with a heavy heart. He knew it was the last time he would tread the familiar path. When he was 30 years old he had taken the little church at Brixham because he thought the salt air would help his health. Now he was 54 and his lung trouble had grown worse. Doctors said he would have to go to the warmer climate of Italy.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

At the morning service Lyte had conducted his last service. And now, as he walked beside the sea, he made notes for his farewell message to friends whose joys and sorrows he had shared for nearly a quarter of a century. In Italy he would be among strangers. But the gentle man knew there was one Friend who would go with him . . . "in life, in death" . . . wherever he went. He put his sentiments on paper, gave the paper to a relative who put it away in a trunk. Henry Francis Lyte died in Southern France two months after leaving Brixham. He never reached Italy. In 1861 his poem came to the attention of a London publisher. Composer William H. Monk set it to music . . . thus was born an immortal hymn.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadow's flee—
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!



Giving Missionaries A Helping Hand!

Whoever penned the ditty about the "Farmer in the Dell . . . he sews the seed and cuts the wheat, and then he takes a rest," didn't know about farmer Bill Asbury. For farmer Bill, a member of Washington Heights Baptist in Dayton, is definitely not taking a rest. He and Ralph Rigg left Dayton October 28 to put their skills to work for the Lord in the Amazon region of Brazil.

Ralph and Bill are the first contingent of a team of a dozen men and women who will be working on construction projects for Mid-Missions missionaries in Manaus. The rest of the team will join them for two weeks in mid-January. They plan to complete a dormitory and landing strip at Baptist Youth Camp, along with various painting and carpentry projects in the area.

Washington Heights' interest in the venture is a result of Pastor and Mrs. Larry Fetzer's August trip to Brazil. Pastor Fetzer spoke to the Amazon Field Council and spent two weeks observing the Mid-Missions work there. He returned with a challenge for his congregation — would a few men be willing to spend some vacation time helping our missionaries? The response was an enthusiastic YES, and the project was expanded to a three month period.

At Washington Heights these days, there is much talk of visas, shots, plumb lines and short-wave radio connections. A new understanding of missionary life is developing, and people are taking a fresh look at missions.

Assistant pastor Jim Neely will be part of the January team. Only four members of the team are carpenters — the others include business men and an

This President Believed The Bible

Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourself. You will find the things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life as men have been always; and the more you read it, it will become plain to you what things are worthwhile and what are not, what things make men happy. When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found in it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.

WOODROW WILSON (1856 - 1924),
28th President of the United States.

obstetrician. But each has skills God can use to give help and encouragement to the work of missions in Brazil.

. . . as reported by
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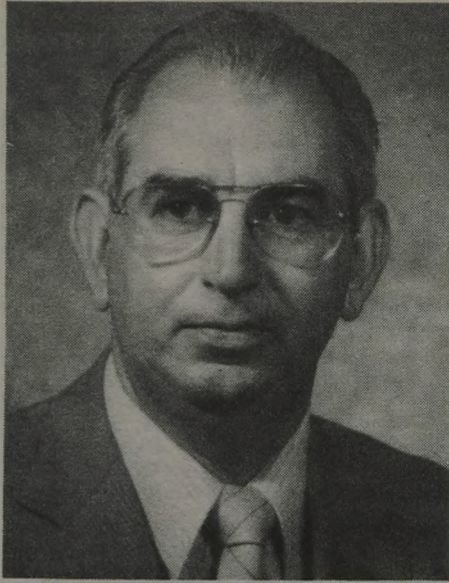
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New Pastor At Jamestown Church



Rev. William J. Campbell

The Shawnee Hills Baptist Church of Jamestown, Ohio has called Rev. William J. Campbell of the North Baptist Church

Now Pastoring Cleveland Church



Pastor and Mrs. David Dolin

The West Bethel Baptist Church, 5207 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio has as its pastor - Rev. David Dolin. He has been pastoring this work for some ten months. This news, however, only reached your editor recently. We regret this long delay in introducing him to our O.I.B. readers.

Brother Dolin was saved while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. This was back in 1963. He has studied at Tennessee Temple University and has served as a missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Rev. and Mrs. Dolin are seeing the blessing of the Lord on their ministries in the Cleveland church. They are no strangers to our GARBC for the church they served in Alaska was in our fellowship.

They are missionaries in the real sense of the word and have only about sixty percent of their needed support. They would be happy to visit any churches in our OARBC and tell of their present work and need.

Because of the lack of funds, the present church property is much in need of repair. Many things are needed. This is struggling church. There is the need for siding to be put on the parsonage. The roof is partially blown off! What with winter on them, it is proving most difficult. For any who might give a helping hand, we suggest you contact Pastor Dave Dolin by writing the West Bethel Baptist Church or phoning him - (216) 281-6044.

Since going to the church in February they have reached an average attendance of 92 and are excited over seeing souls saved. Their prayer is that one day in the not too distant future the West Bethel Baptist Church might become self-supporting, however - as of now -- THEY NEED HELP!

in Corning, New York to be their pastor. Brother Campbell has accepted this call and will begin his ministry at the Jamestown church at the end of January.

Pastor Campbell pastored the Corning church for a period of eight years. He has also pastored elsewhere both in Ohio and New York. He served in the United States Navy 1954 - 1958. He is a graduate of Buffalo Bible Institute and Houghton College. Later he studied at Grace Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity degree in 1974.

The Lord richly blessed his ministry in Corning, New York. He also taught New Testament at Penn-York Institute of Biblical Studies and in 1979 co-hosted a group of 35 persons to tour Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Israel.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell have two children. They are Lisa Ann, who is graduating from High School and plans to attend Cedarville College in September of '82. Their son, William, Jr., is a sophomore in High School.

We welcome Brother Campbell to Ohio and in particular to our OARBC fellowship. We trust the Lord will richly bless his ministry at Shawnee Hills Baptist Church.

Great Fellowship At Mid-Bethel Banquet

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 1, 41 Pastors, wives, and missionaries gathered together in Ada, Ohio, for the 1981 Mid-Bethel Fellowship Christmas Banquet. An invitation was extended to the pastors of the North Bethel Fellowship as well for the evening.

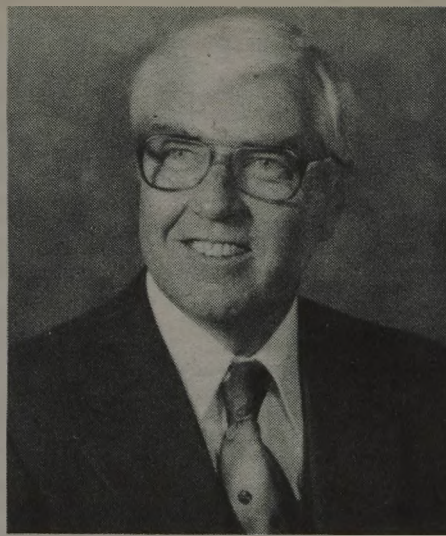
The banquet was held in the beautiful Wishing Well Room of the McIntosh Center on the campus of Ohio Northern University. The room, decorated for Christmas by Mrs. Terry Cecil, was an excellent setting for the delicious ham buffet dinner. A brief program was presented introducing a little humor into the evening. The highlight for some was the gag gift exchange in which all participated. It was amazing just how many crummy looking ties had been hanging in different pastor's closets. Many pastors took the opportunity to clear out these stylish items! Gifts included broken tennis rackets, Necklaces, used Q-tips, and what every Regular Baptist pastor needs in his library, an autobiography of Oral Roberts.

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brock were our special guests for the evening. The new state representative highlighted an Old Testament passage in challenging the ones assembled to be great in kindness, faith, obedience and rewards. Many pastors and wives commented on the blessing of the challenge and the evening.

Special thanks go to Dan Cecil and Paul Reimer of Findlay, Ohio and Bill Wert of Bucyrus who planned the evening. A special love offering was taken for Dr. and Mrs. Brock in appreciation of their ministries.

The next meeting of the Mid-Bethel Pastor's Fellowship is scheduled for January 5, 1982, at 10 A.M. They will meet at the Riley Creek Baptist Church in Bluffton, Ohio. Chairman Richard Pettitt invites all area men to attend.

Receives Alumnus Of The Year Award



Dr. Mark Jackson

Dr. Mark Jackson has been named the Alumnus of the Year by the Alumni of Baptist Bible College and School of Theology, Clarks Summit, PA. The announcement came during the Alumni Bible Conference, which was held on campus October 12-16 to begin the fiftieth year of Baptist Bible College. Dr. Jackson presently serves as president of the College. Before he came to the College he pastored churches for 29 years, and served on many boards and councils. He has served on the Council of Eighteen for many years, serving as its chairman for several years. Before coming to Baptist Bible College, Dr. Jackson served on its Board of Trustees for ten years, and five of those as its chairman.

Bethany Fellowship Holds Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Bethany Fellowship was held at the Struthers Baptist Tabernacle on Monday, November 16th. Activities began in the afternoon with an exposition of the Epistle of Second Peter. Pastor Frank Odor of the Vienna Baptist Church, Pastor Ben Reed of the First Baptist Church of Niles, and Pastor Raleigh Doom of the Galilee Baptist Church of Austintown were the speakers for this session.

Following the dinner hour, a sizeable crowd filled the auditorium to conduct the business of the association and to hear Dr. Andrew Wood, and Butch and Steve from Shepherds Home and School for the Mentally Retarded of Union Grove, Wisconsin. It was a moving experience for each one in attendance and a wonderful time of fellowship.

The major item of business for evening was the election of officers to serve our fellowship in 1982. The results of the balloting are as follows: President - Pastor Thomas Brennan of the First Baptist Church of McDonald; Vice-President - Pastor Fred Robb of the Calvary Baptist Church of Salem; Secretary - Pastor Donald Loomis of the Evansville Baptist Church of Niles; Treasurer - Pastor Frank Odor of the Vienna Baptist Church of Vienna; and Youth Chairman - Pastor Donald Bennett of the New Lyme Baptist Church.

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Moose Exchange

Now and then I come across a prayer letter which is different than the usual. Les Zerbe, Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary in Alaska, had an amusing article in one of his recent prayer letters. It read as follows:

"Wood cutting and keeping the moose out of the garden has turned out to be quite a chore. I must cut ten cords of wood before the snow flies, while Jane chases the moose. We had four moose in the garden two nights ago. We know because they slept awhile right outside our bedroom window, leaving the grass flattened. Then this morning upon awaking we peeked out the window at a big cow moose and two calves. Full grown moose are taller than a horse and weigh 1500 pounds. Think what they can do to a garden! I hope our garden tastes good to them because one of them will taste good to us this winter. I'm sure the moose are unaware of our 'feedlot' policy! It reads something like this:

One row of cabbage in exchange for six round steaks!
Two rows of beets in exchange for 7 roasts!
One row of broccoli in exchange for a dozen prime ribs!
Three rows of strawberries in exchange for some T-bone Moose steaks!

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SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ: "A moose in the freezer is worth three in the garden!"

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ACROSS THE STATE

AKRON, HIGHVIEW AVENUE BAPTIST CH—

We were in a Sunday School contest with the Graham Road Baptist Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Missionary Carson Fremont (ABWE-Hong Kong). We have changed the time of our Sunday evening service to 6:00 p.m. and our Wednesday evening service to 7:00 p.m.

AMHERST, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Lord blessed in our special evangelistic meetings with Brother Norm Sharbaugh. We were privileged recently to have Dr. Roland Searly (Chad-BMM) with us. We viewed the GARBC film "A Living Treasure." Our Christmas Concert was held Tuesday evening December 8th.

ASHLAND, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. Wm. Russell (Skyview Ranch) led us in special meetings November 16 through 22. His ministry proved a rich blessing.

BEDFORD, BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Lord spoke to hearts during our missionary conference. Guest missionaries were: Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Freyer (FBHM), Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Riley (Gospel Literature Services), and Rev. and Mrs. James Wooster (St. Lucia-BMM). Dr. Gerald Smelser spoke here on November 22.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH—

It was a joy having Dr. Hall Dautel minister to us both through the Word and music. This was November 8 through 11. FBHM missionary Les Wells spoke here on November 29. On December 13, we heard missionary "Manny" Woods tell us of their work in Brazil (BMM). At Christmas time, our choir presented the cantata "Love Transcending" by John Peterson. Rev. Leigh Adams (BMM) spoke to the ladies of our Women's Missionary Fellowship-December 14.

BLANCHESTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Debbie and Dee Johnson presented a full concert of gospel music November 22. We had a great time at our annual Christmas banquet.

BOWLING GREEN, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ministry of Dr. Wilbur Rooke proved a blessing to our people. He was with us November 1 through 5. The services were well attended. At our Harvest Festival on November 24, we viewed the film "Ordinary Guy."

BUCYRUS, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We appreciated hearing Dr. J.B. Williams. Other guest speakers include: Luis and Janet Meneses of Brazil, and Ron and Cheryl Perrine of Bangladesh (ABWE).

BYESVILLE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Smelser (Cleveland Hebrew Mission) were with us in late October. Missionary pilot, Steve Krohn ministered here November 11. We will be led in special Evangelistic meetings by Evangelist Fred Brown-February 14 through 21.

CANTON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

There were seven baptized in our services recently. We viewed two films—"A Distant Thunder" and "Image of the Beast." Our missionary Rev. T.S. Simon was with us November 29.

CANTON, PERRY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. and Mrs. Terry French of Kent City, Michigan presented a gospel message in music and sermon. The Kingsmen Quartet from Cedarville College were a blessing to our people. Dr. Ed DuBois led us in a Bible/Missionary Conference October 14-17. At Christmas our choir presented the cantata "Home For Christmas." This was on December 20.

CANTON, WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Paul Rustine, appointee to Peru, Dr. Allan Lewis, Mr. Charles Monroe—all were a part of our Missionary Conference. During the conference long distance phone calls were made to "the John Bigelows" in Alaska and "the Haags". Our choir presented a Christmas cantata.

CEDARVILLE, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Don Moffat ministered here Sunday, January 3. Brother Moffat is a former pastor of our church. We will be holding a special Dedication Service Sunday, January 31. This will be to dedicate our lovely new church auditorium building—"unto the Lord."

CHILLICOTHE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

At our Watchnight service we had Rev. and Mrs. Don Moffat with us. "The Moffats" showed their pictures of their trip around the world. It was an evening of good fun and fellowship.

CLEVELAND, BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH—

On November 8 our pastor Rev. George O'Keefe completed 28 years ministering at our church. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Farrell (France/BMM) were our guests for the day of November 29.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, CEDAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Mother/Daughter banquet October 24 and our Father/Son Banquet November 21. We had a great In-gathering Service at Thanksgiving time (November 25). The Collegians Male Quartet from Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pa. were with us Sunday morning, November 8. Our choir presented the cantata "Noel, Jesus Is Born" Sunday evening, December 13.

COLUMBUS, IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Dobson films "Focus On The Family" have proven of great value. The cantata "Night Of Miracles" was presented by our choir - Sunday morning, December 20. In the evening of that day, we had an old-fashioned Christmas hymn-sing.

COLUMBUS, MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH—

At the close of the evening service - November 29 our church gathered in the gymnasium to honor Pastor and Mrs. Brock. Our pastor has resigned and is now the Editor/State Representative of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

COLUMBUS, MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Evangelist Carl Johnson held special meetings November 8 through 15. We enjoyed the ministry and the challenge presented by Missionary Gary Holtz (Campus Bible Fellowship). On December 20, our choir presented the cantata "A Night To Remember."

DAYTON, COUNTRY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Lonnie Richards of Evangelical Baptist Missions was with us to show the missionary film "Telling Kelli." We had Rev. Perry Temple, Ex. Sec. of Bible Literature International, with us November 22. "Night Of Miracles" cantata was presented by our choir December 20.

DAYTON, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CH.

Our special evangelistic services with Dr. Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College as guest speaker proved a rich blessing. These meetings were held November 15 through 18. We were led in a Sunday afternoon Forum on November 1 by Dr. Sharon Biddle, her subject was "Communicating With The Dying."

DEFIANCE, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionaries Don and Barbara Love (Philippines ABWE) ministered here recently. They proved a blessing. We praise the Lord for the special meetings we had with Evangelist Neil Cadwell. He was with us for our Fall Revival meetings. We are thankful, too, for the ministry of Missionary Dr. Richard Stagg (Bangladesh-ABWE).

ELIDA, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We hosted the fall meeting of the North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship in early November. Mrs. Pat Dixon and Rev. Harold Green (both of Cedarville College) were the guest speakers.

ELYRIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We hosted AWANA Leadership Conference in October. The musical ministry of the Baptist Bible College's Collegians Brass Quintet was ap-

preciated by our people. On November 26, we held a Festival of Praise in celebration of our 145th anniversary as a church.

ENGLEWOOD, UNION BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in special evangelistic meetings by our brother, Don Moffat. This was in mid-October. The Lord, in grace, blessed. It was great having the Swordbearers of Cedarville College with us recently. We viewed the film "A Living Treasure" at our Watchnight Service.

EUCLID

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CH— Missionary appointee to Utah under Baptist Mid-Missions, Miss Carol Showers, presented the challenge of working among Mormons. Also, we were privileged to have Miss Vi Able (BMM-Alaska) speak here.

FAIRBORN,

GRAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Missionary Conference November 18 through 22. Those having a part in the conference were: Dr. James Wooster (BMM-Haiti) and Rev. Garth Roberts (BMM-North American Indians). During the conference our choir presented the cantata "Go Tell Your World."

FINDLAY,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in our Fall Bible Conference by Dr. John McCormack. This was in late October. A special Commissioning service was held for Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cecil. These folk and their children will soon set sail for the Philippines where they will minister under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

FINDLAY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

During November we were involved in a Sunday School Campaign - "The Challenge of the Harvest". Through this emphasis, we gained in enthusiasm, new contacts, and attendance. The Lord blessed through our Missionary Conference. Guest missionaries were: Don and Barbara Love (Philippines), Everette and Barbara Eash (Liberia), Lonnie and Margaret Richards (EBM Harvest Productions) and John Yuskis, Dan and Brian of Shepherds.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionary George Norton ministered here. The ministry of Brother Mike Coyle as he led us in a Sacred Concert, proved a blessing. "The Singing Murdochs" from Cedarville College gave us some wonderful music and Brother David preached as well. Miss Phyllis Bancroft, missionary to Liberia for two terms under Baptist Mid-Missions, spoke at our Church Family Fellowship dinner.

GALLIPOLIS,

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

Gary Storm of our Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp ministered here. We also appreciated the ministry of Brother Glen Hatten. Our Annual Christmas banquet was held December 5. Guest speaker at this occasion was Rev. William Kettlewell, BMM missionary to Brazil. "King of Kings" was the title of our Sunday School Christmas program.

GRAFTON,

MIDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our church recently voted to give Brother Gary Weaver (Hiawatha Baptist Missions) the sum of \$80.00 per month toward his needed support. We held our Missionary Conference November 18-22. Guest speakers were Stan and Eleanor Brittain (England), Joe and Sharon Hollaway (New Zealand), Paul and Linda Margraff (Home Missions) and Vic and Cyndi Miller (Haiti).

JAMESTOWN,

SHAWNEE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH—

Brother Don Moffat ministered here Sunday, December 3. Our young people had a good time at their Christmas Progressive Dinner. We are looking forward to the coming of our new pastor - Rev. William Campbell. He will be starting his ministry here in January.

JOHNSTOWN

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a successful "Mission Shower" for Shepherds. Brother Joe Shultz was with us for our "New Life Crusade" and the Lord blessed. Also, Dr. Ken Cole (ABWE-Philippines) was with us. We also had a "Mission Shower" for "the Verne Kirbys" in Alaska.

LA GRANGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were thrilled and challenged recently by Mr. Dave Rockwell and Mr. Pete Reoch when they conducted their first "Teachers Training Trip" in Ohio. We appreciated having Brother Dennis Gilbert minister to us. He was the Director of Evangelism at the Wyoming Park Baptist Church and is a graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist College. Also, Rev. Arthur Houk of Griffin, Georgia ministered here.

LONDON,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our pastor, Rev. David Morris, had some of his "devotionals" aired on radio station - WSYX. At our New Year's Eve service we viewed the film "The Red Bicycle". This is a Harvest Production film.

LORAIN,

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH—

The ministry of Rev. Romyne Strickland and that of Brother Eric Elmer (BMM Missionary) proved a blessing to our people. We were led in a Prophetic Conference November 8 through 11. Guest speaker was Rev. William Randolph from the Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Dresher, Pennsylvania.

MEDINA,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

During December we appreciated having Dr. Paul Tassell. Also, the Baptist Bible College "Collegians" were with us. Our choir presented their cantata on Sunday morning - December 20.

MILLERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our Missionary Conference, held in late November, proved a blessing. We held our Christmas Candlelight Dinner on December 13. "The Proclamations" from Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College were with us.

MINFORD,

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held a Christian Education Seminar November 13 and 14. Guest speakers were Jan Brock and Tim Bosworth (both of Maranatha Christian School in Columbus, Ohio). Our "Anniversary Sunday" as a church was on November 22. This was our twenty-second year of witnessing for the Lord. We held our Christmas banquet on December 15 and had a time of excellent fellowship.

MONTPELIER BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had Brother Ken Dady (Word of Life) with us in early November. Our Junior and Senior High young people presented a play - "The Birth of Jesus". We praise the Lord for the many decisions that have been made recently. The Lord is blessing.

NILES,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionary to Northern Luzon - Brother Dan Reichard, spoke here in late October. Too, we appreciated having Rev. Everett Kier, of the Indiana Regular Baptist Youth Camp. Our ladies held a "linen shower" for Miss Joyce Spieth. She now has clearance from Baptist Mid-Missions to return to Brazil. Her health has greatly improved. We viewed the film - "The Golden Years". This is the story of the first fifty years of our GARBC. Our Assistant pastor Rev. Jim Read ministered here on November 29.

NORTH JACKSON,

BAILEY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH—

Miss Carol Showers, missionary to Utah, was here November 18. On the 29th of November, Peter Tan and Samuel Cheung presented a Concert. This was during our evening service. We viewed the film - "Image of the Beast" at our Watchnight service.

NORTH MADISON,

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

At our missionary conference, we enjoyed eight days of meetings with four missionary speakers. They presented the challenge of the Philippines, India, Africa, and Alaska. Dr. Paul Tassell ministered here in late October.

NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Missionary Conference November 4-8. Guests were Rev. Joel Kettenring, Rev. Ron England and Miss Marilyn Dunn. Dr. John Polson, President of Spurgeon Baptist College ministered here recently. Our choir

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presented a Christmas cantata — "Song Unending". Sunday evening of December 27 we enjoyed a Sacred Concert by Bill McCalley.

OBERLIN, CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Abundant Life Singers from Cedarville College sang here in late October. Mr. Ci-Cuirci of Cedarville College ministered on November 15. We were led in special meetings November 29 through December 1 by Evangelist John Canine. The Collegians Brass Quintet from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pa. played at the evening service — November 1.

ORANGE VILLAGE, BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH—

We were led in a Sacred Concert by Mr. Rudy Atwood. Our choir presented their "Holiday Family Musicales" December 19 - 20. We will be holding our Sweetheart Banquet February 13.

PATASKALA, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Our pastor's wife - Mrs. Kenneth (Ethel) Romig has undergone very serious surgery on her knees. She has been hospitalized for a long time. She was finally released but one leg had to be kept in a cast. She then returned to the hospital to have the cast removed and also have therapy seeking to strengthen the knees. She needs our continued prayers. Mr. Cliff McCandish recently presented the work of the GIDEONS to our people.

PORT CLINTON, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

We are a new work just getting under way. We meet at the Gypsum School which is located in Port Clinton across from the Port Clinton airport on State Road. We covet the prayers of all O.I.B. readers as we seek to forward a testimony for Christ here. Our missionary pastor is Rev. Paul Margraff.

PORTSMOUTH, TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH—

Rev. Kay Kaffenbarger of the Grace Baptist Church in Urbana, Ohio ministered here in early October. We hosted the ACCC Convention. Our choir presented a Christmas cantata. We held a Youth Christmas Banquet on Monday, December 21.

REYNOLDSBURG, EASTBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH—

At our special Bible Conference we were privileged to sit under the ministry of Evangelist Hank Haubold. These meetings ran from November 1 through 6. We had Miss Arlene Updyke as guest speaker at our Women's Missionary Fellowship meeting. We held our Pre-Christmas Fellowship dinner December 1st with Larry and Leslie Pawson as special guests. They are missionaries to Haiti. Our choir presented a Christmas cantata - Christmas Is Love."

SALEM, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH—

Missionaries to Haiti, Vic and Cindy Millard and their children, were with us for our Harvest Supper. They also ministered on Sunday, Oct. 11. Brother Bob Aleshire, missionary to Great Britain, brought a challenging message recently.

SPRINGFIELD, SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Back to the Bible Quartet ministered here in early December. Missionary Carol McCaffery (Spain-ABWE) spoke to our Ladies Missionary Fellowship. Our choir presented a Christmas cantata on December 13. On the 27th, we held a Youth Night Service at which time we viewed the film - "Super Christian".

STREETSBORO, FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH—

We had a "Men of Praise" concert on November 1. "The Farrells" missionaries to France, ministered here on November 22. Our choir presented the cantata - "God's Love Gift". At our New Year's Eve service we viewed the film - "Pilgrim's Progress".

STRONGSVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recently we had a combined Thanksgiving service with three other area GARBC churches — First Baptist of Brunswick, Berea Baptist, and North Royalton Baptist. Approximately 300 were in attendance on Wednesday night, November 25. It was a time of great blessing.

STRUTHERS BAPTIST TABERNACLE Dr. Andrew Wood, Butch, and Steve of Shepherds were with us on November 16. On November 21st, Dr. Bob Jones III and a brass musical group from Bob Jones University were with us. Missionary Lenore Cates (BMM—England) proved a blessing as she spoke to our people. It was a delight having Dr. Paul Tassell, Nat'l Repres. of our GARBC.

TALLMADGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—

Joyce Radduck, missionary to Bangladesh, shared the burden of her work with us. We held a potluck supper in her honor. It was a time of good fellowship.

TOLEDO, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH—

The Abundant Life Singers from Cedarville College presented a concert here. Our choir presented the cantata — "Christmas Is Love". At our Watchnight service we had Don and Barbara Love (Philippines/ABWE) and also viewed the film - "My Son, My Son". We will have Ron Perrine with us January 10 to tell of his work in Bangladesh.

TOLEDO, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

We held our Mother/ Daughter banquet in mid-October. We presented a Family Forum series November 13 and 14 featuring Dr. Henry Brandt. This consisted of four films on the husband/wife relationships. It was good having Dr. Andrew Wood of Shepherds with us. At one of our mid-week prayer services we viewed the GARBC film - "A Living Treasure". Missionary Dr. Stagg (Bangladesh-ABWE) ministered here November 15. Our HOLIDAY MUSICAL, under the direction of Mr. Roger Kilian was presented December 18, 19 and 20. It was tremendous!

WARREN, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent guest speakers include: Rev. John Lee, Dr. Quentin Kenoyer, Rev. David Dunkin, Dr. Ben Kendrick, Rev. Charles Cuthbertson, and Rev. Phil Sweeny. We held our missionary conference November 7 and 8.

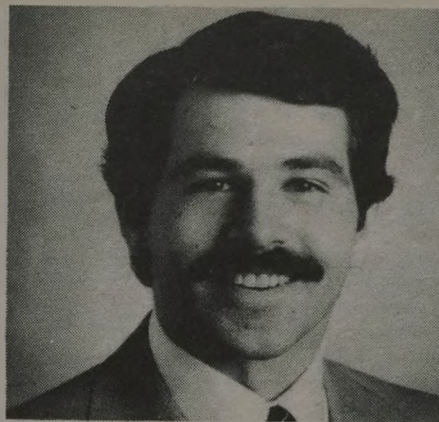
WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH—

We recently viewed the GARBC film - "A Living Treasure".

XENIA, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH—

Recent guest speakers have been Rev. Marlin Rayburn and Mr. Dave Robey. They both are with Cedarville College. Our Christmas banquet for the church was held at Cedarville College on December 12. Our pastor, Rev. William Wheeler, and his wife, Margaret, once again hosted the pastors and wives of our Xenia Area Fellowship. This was in their lovely home. Everyone had a great time at this Christmas-time gathering. Brother Don Moffat ministered here Sunday, December 27.

Strongsville Church Calls Assistant Pastor



Mr. Ronald Clark

The First Baptist Church of Strongsville has called Mr. Ronald Clark to be their new Assistant Pastor. He began his ministry there in early October. He is a 1977 graduate of Cedarville College, and graduated this past May from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, with a Masters of Religious Education Degree.

Brother Clark is originally from the Cleveland area, as he graduated from

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Baptist Christian High School in Orange Village, in 1973 and his father was a pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Orange for 17 years.

Pastor Clark's main responsibilities at First Baptist will include working with the young people, visitation and christian education. Rev. Wilbur Parrish is the Senior Pastor of the church, which has grown to a size of 230 under his ministry.

Pastor Clark and his wife, Diane, have one child, Nathaniel, who is 18 months old. The Clarks are looking forward with anticipation to the Lord's future blessings on their ministry in Strongsville.



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WOMEN'S MEETINGS

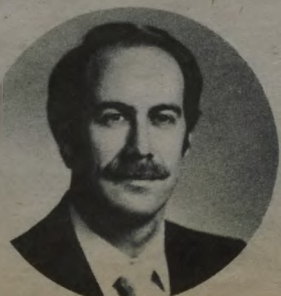
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ALUMNI DAY

Tuesday, February 23



Larry D. Rowland
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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Marcia Elmore — Women's Editor

"Behold, All Things Are Become New."

If there is anything a woman enjoys, it is something new. Be it a new dress, new shoes, new piece of furniture, new drapes, the list is innumerable. It always pleases us to have someone compliment our choices, doesn't it. But, see if this rings a bell with you? You've worn that new dress a few times to church, and after a short period of time, you wear it again. Someone proceeds to compliment you again on your good taste, and what is our usual response? "This old thing, why I've had it for ages." The newness wears off quickly, wouldn't you say?

This is inevitable with a new dress, or new shoes, etc., but God has made a purchase for us that far exceeds anything that we could think of or ask for, and His Son paid the price for it. Let's begin the New Year with asking God to cause our minds to be renewed with all that we have in Him that's new. Shall we start!

For you and me, God made a new covenant, Hebrews 12:24. He has provided a new and living way when we accept His Son, Hebrews 10:20. This is the new birth. We are given a new nature, II Peter 1:4; and the Spirit makes us a new creature, II Cor. 5:17 and Galatians 6:15. We must continually let Him do His work. Therefore, we "also should walk in newness of life" Romans 6:4. He's given us a new name in glory, Revelation 2:17. He's preparing a place for us (a new home), John 14:2.

The Lord Jesus "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like until His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." We'll have a new body, Phil. 3:21. There will be new heavens and a new earth, Rev. 21:1; Isa. 65:17; 66:22. His mercies, "They are new every morning: Great is His faithfulness, Lam. 3:23.

With all of that, we've just begun. Let's not let the newness wear off!

"He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:3



Comments From Salt Fork

"The sessions on 'To Know God' were really a blessing to me. It's a treasure each day to recall that to know God is what we were made for! (Chris Antill, Norton Baptist Church, Norton)

"Challenged" is the word. Jean Fisher challenged us to know God, and Ronnie Carder challenged us to witness about God. I also enjoyed Babs Spere's slide presentation of God's Treasures in Nature as she challenged us to know and appreciate God's handiwork. A great retreat!" (Susan Hayes, Lakeview Baptist Church, Dundee)

"What would you do if someone offered you a thousand dollars for each soul you won for the Lord? As you search your heart for the answer, you may ask as we did after the Fall Retreat at Salt Fork Lodge, "Where is my treasure?"

We came away enriched by a knowledge of God as Miss Jean Fisher of Cedarville College directed our thoughts concerning Him. Mrs. Ronnie Carder from Toledo challenged us to be about our Father's business, and our eyes feasted on the "Treasures designed by His hand" as presented by Miss Babs Spere from Cleveland.

Personally, I would like to thank the Committee and each one who had a part in the program and the planning of it."

Louise Henry Retreat Chairman

Spring Retreat At Salt Fork Lodge

March 25-27, 1982

Ladies! Look ahead to the end of winter! Pray and plan to come apart for spiritual renewal at our Spring Retreat. Mrs. Debbie Haffey, Instructor in Communications at Cedarville College will be our speaker. She is the wife of an attorney, mother of three, and attends Southgate Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio. The theme of the retreat is, "All Thy Works Shall Praise Thee", Psalm 145:10. Be watching the mail for further details.

A Word From The North Bethel Fellowship

Dear Mrs. Elmore:

We had a beautiful day for our November 5th North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship. It was held at Faith Baptist Church in Elida, Ohio. Mrs. Pat Dixon blessed us with her testimony and update of Cedarville College. Mr. Michael Di Cuirci, now teaching in the Cedarville College Music Department, challenged us with his personal testimony, and presented us with testimony in song and instrument.

We were able to raise \$893.10 for our 1981 project, which is the Baptist Children's Home in Springfield, Ohio. Our 1982 project is the Shepherds Home in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

We were very encouraged by more in attendance at this meeting, (162) women and children.

In Him,
Mrs. Patricia Sherrick

TREASURER'S REPORT WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION O.A.R.B.C. FALL MEETING—OCTOBER 20, 1981 Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

GENERAL FUND	
Balance on Hand April 16, 1981	\$182.40
Receipts:	
Spring Rally Offering	\$304.54
Love Offering for Dr. Laird	691.57
Love Offering for Don Moffats	20.00
Total Receipts	1,016.11
	\$1,198.51
Disbursement:	
Dr. Laird	700.00
Rose Hauser, President	180.93
Diana Geiger, Secretary	75.89
Total Disbursements	956.82
Balance on Hand Oct. 20, 1981	\$ 241.69
DIME BANK FUND	
Balance on Hand April 16, 1981	1,505.23
Receipts:	
Late receipts for Baptist Ch. Hm.	529.62
Received for Skyview	69.00
Interest	253.85
Total Receipts	32.89
	885.36
	\$2,390.59

DISBURSEMENTS	
Baptist Children's Home	2,136.74
Balance on Hand October 20, 1981	\$ 253.85
RETREAT FUND	
Balance on Hand April 16, 1981	\$ 200.00
Disbursements:	
Skyview Retreat	100.00
Balance on Hand October 20, 1981	\$ 100.00
Respectfully submitted,	
Louise Henry, Treasurer	
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Receipts sent upon request only.

Around The World With "The Moffats"

The Ohio Women's Missionary Union met October 20, 1981, at Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton. State President, Mrs. Rose Hauser, greeted the ladies, and opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Pat Fetzer, Host Pastor's wife, warmly welcomed each one in attendance. The song service was under the direction of Mrs. Jeannette Wuebben, while Mrs. Marjorie Kanost was at the piano, and Mrs. Nancy Jensen was at the organ. Exceptional special music was presented by Mrs. Jeannette Wuebben and Mr. Brian Johnson.

Approximately sixteen missionaries were present, and shared their praise, and prayer burdens before the ladies. Mrs. Mary Price, Vice President, led this portion of the meeting. Mrs. Marge Odor lifted these missionaries up before the Lord.

Then the tour began. Brother Don Moffat took us by slides to London, England. We then went on to Delhi, India, Dacca, Chittagong, and Malumghat, Bangladesh. Brother Don went with these missionaries in Bangladesh and their families to Cox's Bazaar, where they stayed and he shared in a conference with them. We then viewed some of the works on the Philippine Islands where the Moffats ministered. We learned there are over 300 self governing, self propagating Baptist Churches in the Philippines. We also saw the Doane Baptist Bible Institute and church. We went to Hong Kong, then Tokyo, and heard of the ministry of Missionary, Richard Rich. We were awed at the beauty of Alaska, where Don and Lois ministered to the young people at camp. They have also ministered in beautiful Hawaii. The Moffats provided encouragement to the Bill Hoppers and their church on this field. The visual trip was certainly a blessing as Brother Don shared many of the comments of the missionaries and the native people as well.

Lois Moffat graciously shared two piano solos at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be the Spring Rally, April 20, 1982, at First Baptist Church, Niles, Ohio.

Maranatha Missionary Fellowship Fall Meeting

On Saturday, September 12, thirty-six ladies from the Maranatha Missionary Fellowship enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship at the Scioto Hills Reservation in Scioto Furnace, Ohio, for their annual fall meeting.

Prior to the afternoon meeting, a lovely luncheon was served by the staff of Scioto Hills Reservation. Mrs. Brooks Sexton, Grace Baptist, Minford, Ohio, presided over the business meeting. Following the business session, Mrs. Sexton introduced the speaker for the day who was Mrs. Shirley Litteral. Mrs. Litteral, along with her husband, Bob, are affiliated with Wycliff Translators and serve the Lord in New Guinea. Mrs. Litteral took us on a trip to New Guinea and gave an astonishing account of some of the first sights and sounds which greeted them in 1964. Since the country is relatively illiterate, they encountered many barriers during their first years on the field. She also reflected upon the many cultural changes which had built a barrier in her ministry. These had to be broken in order for the Lord to really work through her. This she felt was a perfect example of Matt. 10:39b, "...and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Those present represented Faith Baptist and First Baptist, Gallipolis; Grace Baptist, Minford; Temple Baptist, Portsmouth; and Wheelersburg Baptist, Wheelersburg. The next meeting will be hosted by Faith Baptist on March 20, 1982.

... Mrs. Marsha Smith, Sec.

Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship

The Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship held their Fall Rally on Oct. 13 at the Brookside Baptist Church (Seven Hills) Cleveland, Ohio. The theme for the day was "Ministering To The Young and The Old".

A solo was sung by Jennifer Brayer, a little pre-schooler, and a lovely duet by Beth Bouw and Julie Pierce. Five missionaries gave brief reports and requests for prayer. Brother Charles S. Monroe of the Baptist Children's Home in Springfield, Ohio presented a summary of his ministry of Family Counselling, Care and Counselling of Unwed Mothers, Foster Home Care, and Adoption. Many staple foods and other needs were brought in as a shower for "the Monroes" also.

Following lunch, a brief business meeting was held and a solo was presented by Joan Surso. Norma Nulph, President, led an open discussion about caring for the elderly. She read a beautiful poem on aging and I Timothy 5:5-9. She asked, "How would you as an elderly person want your church to minister to you?" Some of the good suggestions were: providing bus transportation, visitation, running errands, utilizing their talents, avoiding the uprooting of them from familiar surroundings, and establishing a tape ministry for shut-ins.

Report From Canton Area WMF

The Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship held their fall meeting on Tuesday, October 27 at the Grace Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio. There were eighty ladies and thirteen children in attendance. Mrs. Mary Jane Olsen, President, presided over the meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Mike Farrell with Baptist Mid-Missions were the guest speakers for both morning and afternoon sessions.

The morning message focused on: "Nine Steps To The Mission Field." Beginning at the bottom of a ladder he used for demonstration, the following steps were listed: 1.) To Be Saved; 2.) To Surrender; 3.) To Witness; 4.) To Work; 5.) To Pray; 6.) To Prepare; 7.) To Decide; 8.) Deputation; 9.) Go. Supporting scripture and their personal testimony were incorporated in their presentation.

The message for the afternoon session was on France, the field to which they are missionary appointees. After noting statistics about their religion and culture, he showed slides of France - its industries, landscapes, cities, famous landmarks, etc. This was followed by a brief question and answer period.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M. by Mrs. Mary Jane Olsen, president.

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New Associate Dean At Cedarville College



Dr. Sharon Biddle

Cedarville College has announced the appointment of Dr. Sharon Biddle to the position of Associate Academic Dean. Dr. Biddle is currently Associate Professor of Speech Communications at the college.

Academic Dean, Dr. Clifford Johnson, states that Dr. Biddle will be working closely with faculty, especially those new to the college, in helping them make rapid adjustment to the instructional life at Cedarville College.

Dr. Biddle received her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1973. She grad-

uated Cum Laude from Bob Jones University in 1968 and has received the following honors: Personalities of the South Award, 1973; Congress of Freedom Award, 1975; Outstanding Young Women of America Award, 1975.

Prior to coming to Cedarville College, Dr. Biddle taught at Bob Jones University, the University of Cincinnati, and The Ohio State University. In addition, she has served as Communication Consultant to the Republican Party in Greenville, South Carolina, and the Swiger and Associates Advertising Agency in Greenville. She has written the script and narrated three multi-media presentations including Cedarville College's latest called "The Excellence Experience." Dr. Biddle is also active in giving seminars and workshops on communication.

A current interest of Dr. Biddle's is communication in death and dying. She is on leave of absence from the college to do research and to write a book entitled When the Grass Withers and the Flower Falls.

Added to her professional activities is volunteer work at Hospice of Dayton and nursing home visitation. The Biddles are active members of Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville.

Her husband, Dr. James Biddle, is chairman of the Education Department at Cedarville College. The Biddles have one son, Justin, and the family lives near Cedarville.

WCDR To Have New Talk Show



Dr. Jim Phipps

It isn't often that people get the opportunity to talk directly to a United States Representative, or a scientist, or a college president, or to the coach of a championship athletic team. But, the possibility of such a privilege is now a reality. In fact, it is just a phone call away on Cedarville College's newest radio program "On the Line."

This new talk program can be heard everyday over WCDR-fm 90.3 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. The host is Dr. Jim Phipps, known in the area for his broadcasts of Cedarville College basketball games. Dr. Phipps is chairman of the speech department at Cedarville.

"'On the Line' features an interview and information format," states Phipps. "Most people have a desire to speak to an expert from time to time. But this is usually expensive or the expert is simply not available. That's why I'm excited about 'On the Line.' For the time it takes to pick up a phone, people can be in touch with the experts that are scheduled. In addition, some of our programming will be informational, such as highlighting new books, coming events at the college, or the discussion of local issues."

When asked what guests have been on the program, Phipps replied, "We've had a timely discussion with Dr. Ken Cole, a pediatrician in the Philippines. He responded to recent news reports of complaints about how major U. S. companies that sell infant formula are selling their products in the third world countries. Keith Britton, chairman of the Concerned Citizens of Clark County, presented his organization's efforts to rid Medway of 21 topless and bottomless dancehalls. Judy LaMusga, Director of Children's services for the Greene County Board of Mental Retardation, explained why passage of Issue 6 was so

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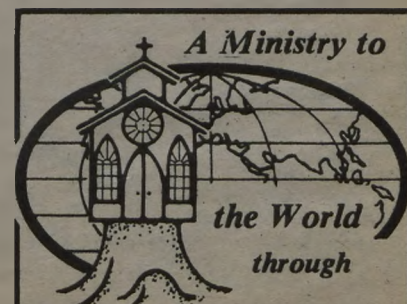
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needed. Dr. Larry Helmick of the Cedarville College science department covered the topic of Creation versus Evolution. One of the liveliest programs featured social science professor Dr. Al Monroe answering callers' questions about Christian economics."

Dr. Phipps reports that future programming will include United States Representative Clarence Brown, College President Dr. Paul Dixon, and Ron and Rebekah Coriell, authors of 24 books on character-building in children.

Callers from the Cedarville and Xenia area may call 766-5595. People from the Dayton and Springfield area may call toll free 1-800-762-9411.



CHURCH PLANTING in the UNITED STATES

The Galilean Baptist Mission has been planting New Testament Baptist churches since 1952. Through this ministry, 49 independent Baptist churches and a Christian day school have been established. At present, 17 churches are being established.



Cedarville College News

Dr. Wendell Kempton, President of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism is the featured speaker at Cedarville College's Annual Missionary Conference, January 10 through 15.

The College's Special Parents' Weekend will be held January 15 and 16. We look forward to a large number of parents meeting with us.

An organ concert will be presented at the college on January 29. Guest artist is Diane Bish. She has gained the title - "The First Lady of the Organ".

Coming Events At Cedarville College

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| January | |
| 10-15 | Annual Missionary Conference with Dr. Wendell Kempton |
| 15,16 | Parents' Weekend |
| 29 | Artist Series Diane Bish, Organist |
| February | |
| 1-21 | Exhibit: "A Photo Portrait of Ohio" |
| 16-18 | Staley Foundation Lectureship with Professor James Bjornstad |
| 19 | Artist Series Charles Postlewhite, Guitarist |
| 24-March | |
| 24 | IBM Exhibit: "Leonardo da Vinci" |
| March | |
| 5, 6 | Free Enterprise Conference |
| 5, 6 | High School Band Conference |
| 22-26 | Spring Enrichment Conference with Dr. David Jeremiah |



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Cedarville College To Have Four-Year Nursing Program

President Paul Dixon has announced that Cedarville College has been granted approval for a four-year baccalaureate program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The approval was granted by the Ohio Board of Regents on November 19, 1981; and the Ohio Board of Nursing Education and Nursing Registration granted approval on November 20, 1981. This means that Cedarville College graduates will be eligible to sit for state board exams and become registered nurses. Cedarville becomes one of the few fundamental, accredited Christian colleges to have such a program. The plan is for the program to eventually have seven faculty members.

Dr. Irene Alyn, one of the leading nursing educators in the country, has consented to become chairman of Cedarville's Nursing Department. Dr. Alyn has held numerous positions of leadership in professional nursing organizations and has co-authored the review textbook used for state board exams. She is a member of the Belden Regular Baptist Church in Niles, Illinois.

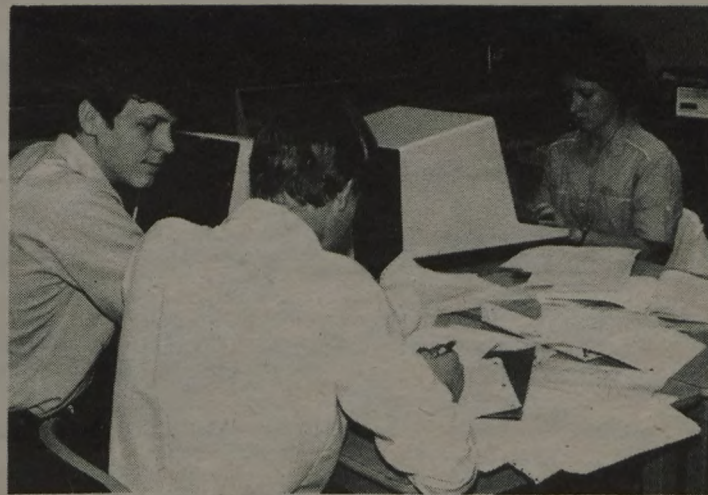
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It may surprise you that Cedarville College's largest major in terms of students is business administration. You might say "Business is booming —" but not in the usual way. Our experienced faculty teach business from God's point of view, a critical difference. Areas of special emphasis include: accounting, computer science, economics, management, marketing, secretarial administration, and business education. There is also a two-year secretarial certificate program. Simply said, business is a big part of the "Excellence Experience."

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Blessings At Brookside



Pastor O'Keefe

The Brookside Baptist Church (Seven Hills), Cleveland, Ohio is rejoicing in the blessing of the Lord.

The ministry of Evangelist Norm Sharbaugh (October 4 through 9) was most refreshing and challenging. There was a good attendance at every service and decisions for salvation, baptism, memberships and dedication of life were realized. A very excellent offering of \$924.00 was given as a "love offering" to Evangelist Sharbaugh. They highly recommend our brother to our churches.

November 8th marked the 29th anniversary for Pastor O'Keefe in his ministry with Brookside Baptist Church. One-third of that time was spent at the "old" Brookside, Henninger Road in Cleveland. The remainder of the time at the present location, Ridgewood Drive in Seven Hills.

The folk at Brookside also want our readers to know that they greatly appreciate the ministry of Don Moffat in editing THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST and in serving as State Representative. They welcome the future ministry of Brother Brock and will be praying for him.

Having A Mind To Work!

Editor's Note: The following report was received from Pam Smith. She serves as Church Secretary at the Montpelier Baptist Church. The pastor of this work is Rev. D. Michael Lee. We felt this report might challenge our readers and encourage them to go to work in their church... to the GLORY OF THE LORD.

"Stand up and bless the Lord, your God, forever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise." Neh. 9:5

God is good and faithful! The folk at Montpelier Baptist Church are seeing just how great our Lord is! The prayers and the dedication of the people are being made known by the tremendous growth in every area of service.

Growth can be seen in all the weekly services. For example, in September, Sunday School averaged 242. During the month of October this was increased to 306. Morning services on the Lord's day averaged 295 in September but in October increased to 345. The Evening services went from 176 to 184 and the Mid-week prayer meetings averaged 206.

We have 40 men and women going out each week in visitation. We take part in four Nursing Home ministries. Our programs with our youth are experiencing blessing as well. Our choir has grown from 35 members to 44. All of this is because of His great grace! He has given our people a burden to be soul winners and to walk faithfully before Him.

We do not want to be misunderstood in giving this report. It is the Lord's doing! We want Him to have ALL the praise and glory. We do indeed - PRAISE THE LORD!

News From



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July 19 - Juniors (entering grades 4-7)
July 26 - Juniors (entering grades 4-7)
Aug. 2 - Teens (entering grades 8-12)
Aug. 9 - Family Ranch No. 3
Aug. 16 - Family Ranch No. 4

RANCH PRESENTATION

Administrator William Russell and Program Director Tom Farlow are available for Ranch presentations. A new slide presentation is available and these men are anxious to come to the churches and schools of our Association to spread the good word about the Ranch ministry. The Ranch phone number is 216/674-7511.

A NOTE TO OIB EDITOR

Dear Don:

Here is something we would like to share with you and our O.I.B. readers! Becky Navorska Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Navorska, has established a campership fund at Skyview in honor of her parents.

This summer Becky bought Andy's Furniture in Ashland and out of the profits has given several hundred dollars so that needy boys and girls can come during the summer. Two missionary children have already benefited from this program.

A tip of our "Skyview hat" to Becky in doing this fine work and especially in this way of thanking God for her fine Christian parents.

The Navorska family were long time members at Berea Baptist. They now are a part of the work at Ashland. Any folk across the state who would like to contribute to this fund may do so by simply marking their gifts for the "Navorska Fund". It is a great way to help our kids!

In Him,
Bill Russell

Spurgeon Baptist Bible College News

Candidate accreditation status was granted by the American Association of Bible Colleges at its October sessions.

Fall enrollment is up 22%. Over twenty are enrolled in a new deaf ministries training program. Monday Modules for college credit are a popular addition to the curriculum with courses offered in theology, local church order, Christian education and deaf ministries. All other classes now meet Tuesday through Friday each week.

Dr. Ernest Pickering is scheduled as Winter Bible Conference speaker February 7-12. Rev. Timothy Teale will be the speaker for Alumni day Feb. 10. Mr. Richard Chilcott assumed duties as Business Manager in January. He holds a master's degree from the University of Akron.

And, Thank You, Too, Lord, For Our Minister

Dear Lord, please bless our minister this morning. And bless his wife and children.

Help them as they rush around getting ready for church. Just as we do, Lord. Smooth their path. Help them.

Help them with any worries they may have, any personal problems. They not only have their own, Lord; they often have the burden of ours. Comfort and guide them.

Bless our minister as he speaks to us. Fill him with Your Holy Spirit. And help us to listen, Lord, really listen. If we listen with our hearts, his words - Your words - can give us faith and strength for another week.

Lord, how we need that strength! How we need that faith! Give him the joy of our encouragement, Lord. Let it shine from our eyes.

Lord, help us to show how much we really appreciate this wonderful man and his wonderful wife. They both work so hard for us, Lord. They sacrifice so much time and energy and privacy.

We expect so much of them, yet how cheerfully they respond to our many demands. Like Christ, they serve us. They must get awfully tired, Lord, though they never complain. Make us more considerate. Help us remember that preachers and their families are human too.

Above all, keep us from criticizing. God, give us generous spirits. Give us understanding.

Lord, our minister and his family pray constantly for us. Now we pray for them: Bless them, dear Father. Give them peace and health and happiness.

And bless our congregation. As we come together in Your house this morning, let us all be one joyous Christian family, refreshed and healed and made whole by Your love.

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Fundamental Facts

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You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

..... Abraham Lincoln
16th President
1861-1865

Missionary Ordained To Preach

On November 17, 1981, an Ordination Council was convened at the Riley Creek Baptist Church to examine Kenneth Snare for the Gospel ministry. Brother Snare is a missionary appointee to Sao Paulo, Brazil, with A.B.W.E.

Pastor Richard Pettitt of First Baptist, Findlay, served as Moderator, and Pastor Fred Jensen of Faith Baptist, Van Wert, served as Secretary. Eleven pastors and eight messengers served on the Council.

Brother Snare gave his testimony of salvation and his call to full-time service and missions. Following this, the Council proceeded to examine him concerning his doctrinal beliefs.

After the questioning, the Candidate, his family and friends, and guests were excused. Pastor Marlin Bowes moved, seconded by Mr. Jack Hoffman, that the Council recommend to the Riley Creek Baptist Church that they proceed with the public ordination of Kenneth Snare. The motion was unanimously passed. Further discussion and motions were made commending Brother Snare for his personal attitude and his personal spiritual growth and maturity. The Council was then dissolved.

Fred D. Jensen
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The Hunt

"THERE IS ONE VILLAGE I wish we could reach with the gospel," mused Darrell as he turned his head to look out the pickup truck window. "And to think that it's the closest village to our mission station on this road."

Peggy Rice knew what her husband was thinking, for they had prayed together many times for the village of Kouma. "We'll just keep praying, Honey. One of these days the Lord will use something to open Kouma for the gospel."

The small, bush mission station of Kyabe, in the Republic of Chad, had been opened only ten years before as an outreach to the primitive Sara Kaba tribe, famous for its disciplined women. Darrell and Peggy Rice were in the final year of their first term.

Darrell drove in silence, thinking about the nearby village. He turned to Peggy, "Let's pray for Kouma right now."

"Dear Father," Peggy prayed as they rode along, "help us to reach the people of Kouma with Your Word. They seem to be so indifferent and even refuse to gather for us when we go there." Peggy's voice then broke with a sob. "Lord, we don't know of one Christian in the entire village. Please use us to break down that wall of opposition before we leave for our furlough next June."

That night after the evening meal, Darrell read the Bible and prayed with Peggy and the children. Five-year-old Tammie sat beside her daddy while Peggy held one-year-old Mark. Again the young couple prayed specifically for the village of Kouma where there seemed to be a stiff resistance to the gospel.

It was a week later, during the midday two-hour break period for the workmen, that a group of six men walked onto the mission station. They were armed with spears, knives and machetes and were dressed only in loincloths. The scars on their faces and chests showed that they belonged to the Sara Kaba tribe. The six tall men made their way to the Rice home.

Darrell had just stretched out on his bed for a fifteen-minute rest before going out to the garage to work on his truck. The silence was broken by hand clapping. This was the African way of calling the occupants of a house to the door.

Peggy, who had just entered the bedroom, heard the clapping and looked out through the screened window. She hurried to Darrell's side. "Darrell, there are six men in the backyard armed with spears and knives. They may be friendly, but they sure don't look like it."

Darrell hurried to the window to look at the men. He recognized two of them as men he had seen at Kouma. "Hello there," Darrell called. "Welcome to the mission station. I'll be right out." He made his way quickly to the backyard. "Father," he prayed as he went, "use this contact to open Kouma to the gospel."

Stepping off the back porch with a big smile, he began shaking their hands, which was always a sign of friendship. The men responded with handshakes and smiles, showing their filed, pointed teeth.

"What can I do for you?" Darrell asked the man who was standing in front of the group and acting as their leader. The tall, scarred-faced African looked at Darrell with his bloodshot eyes and began to speak. Immediately Darrell recognized that the leader, and no doubt the other five, had been drinking "native beer."

"Well, it's like this," said the leader; "we're hungry. Our people are hungry. And we'd like you to go hunting with us today. The reason we came now is that we spotted fresh warthog tracks in the cotton gardens alongside the mission station. We're asking you to take your gun and go with us."

Instead of answering their question immediately, Darrell looked at the leader. "Aren't you Saley?" Darrell remembered that Pastor Luke, the station pastor, had

mentioned the name of Saley to him one time as the leader at Kouma.

Saley smiled widely, showing his rotting, pointed teeth. "Yes, I'm Saley. How do you know me?" He turned to his companions, "Look, the white man knows us already." And with this they all nodded approvingly.

Darrell continued, "Well, I heard of you, Saley, and I'll be glad to go hunting with you."

As Darrell shared the good news with Peggy, he was so excited he had difficulty fastening his cartridge belt around his waist. "Rifle, shells, knife, water, sun helmet," Darrell made a mental check as they headed off into the cotton gardens.

The expert hunters soon picked up the trail of the warthog. It was the rainy season, and some of the elephant grass already reached a height of ten to fifteen feet. Darrell had always told Peggy he wouldn't hunt in the high grass during the rainy season. In twenty minutes' time the tracks led out of the garden into the forest. The men stopped. Darrell looked at the uninviting, thick, high grass ahead of him.

"Well, men," he said to the disappointed hunters, "let's plan on hunting another time."

Saley spoke up, "Sir, there are six of us. Trust us, and we'll protect you. Now, will you go with us after the warthog?"

"Father," Darrell prayed silently in his heart, "help me to make the right decision."

"Sir," continued Saley, "we'll put three men in front of you and three men behind you."

Darrell couldn't refuse. He didn't want to miss this opportunity to gain the confidence of these men. "OK, let's go," he said, as the men smiled at each other. Never had he seen grass so high and thick. It was impossible to see more than ten feet on either side.

After about twenty minutes into the grass, Saley stopped. There in front of

them was a huge anthill about fifteen feet high and thirty-five feet across. "Sir," Saley said, "that's where the pig lives. Do you see that big tree growing out of the top of the anthill?" Darrell looked and nodded. "Well, beneath that tree," continued Saley, "there's a hole, and I'm sure we'll find the pig there."

The anthill was steep to climb, but Darrell made it without too much trouble. Saley led the way as the two men carefully made their way to the big tree. The other five men remained below in the grass. Saley leaned his spear against the tree and told Darrell that he would see if the pig was in the hole. He got down on his stomach and began to crawl around the base of the tree.

Darrell didn't want to miss anything; so he moved quietly behind Saley, looking over his shoulder. From up above he could see more than Saley could from his low position. The African moved ahead with caution, inch by inch. Darrell's heart leaped as he began to see a set of sharp tusks move slowly out of the opening of the hole. It was too late to warn Saley. In a few seconds the warthog's nose and Saley's face almost touched. They were only six inches apart. When the hog saw the African, he slipped back into the hole. Saley looked up wide-eyed and whispered, "He's home!"

Saley then stood behind the tree to give Darrell his instructions. "Move in front of the hole. Put the end of the gun in the pig's face and shoot."

Darrell could hardly believe what he was hearing, but he didn't want to back out. Slowly he put the end of the barrel where he had last seen the pig's head. He began to move inch by inch around the tree to the front. The pig's face came into view. Darrell glanced quickly at Saley and saw that Saley was not completely satisfied with his position. He motioned for Darrell to move farther in front of the wild warthog, with the barrel of his gun just two feet away from its head.

"What's going to happen when I pull this trigger?" wondered Darrell. But before he could shoot, the hog grunted loudly and charged.

In self-defense Darrell fired the gun, hitting the base of the tree. He threw his right leg as high as he could as the pig ran under it. In doing so, he fell to the ground on his back. An instant later Saley was bending over him, asking if he was hurt.

"No, he never touched me. I'm all right. But what do we do now?"

"Sir," said Saley, with a serious look on his face, "you've proven that you do care for us. We're your friends. We've had enough for one day. Let's go home. There are many more days in the future for us to get together."

"Thank You, dear Father," Darrell prayed as he lay on the ground. "Thank You for this contact with these people."

A week later, Darrell and Peggy Rice were excited as they paid their third visit to Kouma. Saley, Nabia and Ndjokai, three of the six hunters, had already received Christ as their Savior. The missionaries planned to begin a children's class soon. God had answered their prayers. Kouma was now open to the gospel.

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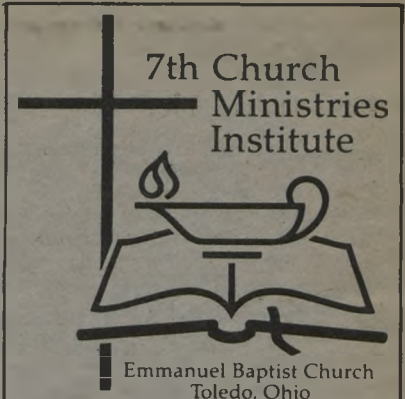


The Thorntons and Rev. Crown

The First Baptist Church of Willowick, Ohio held a Missionary Commissioning Service Sunday, November 22, 1981 for two of its members, Charles and Cindy Thornton, appointees with Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, Elyria, Ohio.

A feature of this service was the Inner Circle Prayer of Dedication which is emblematic of the church's privilege to surround the missionaries with prayer. At this point, the deacons formed a circle around the Thorntons as the dedicatory prayer was offered.

A Certificate of Commissioning for Missionary Service was presented to Mr. Thornton by Rev. Fred Crown, Jr., pastor of the church. Mr. James Jamison, chairman of the Deacons, offered words of appreciation and encouragement. The service closed with the congregation singing, "O Zion Haste."



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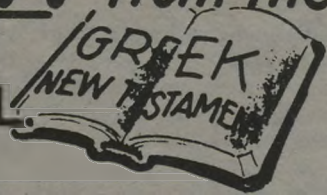
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"Cling To The Lord"

(Acts 11:23)

The tremendous results of the preaching of the Gospel (euaggelizomenoi), Acts 11:20-21, in Antioch, following the persecution that took place at Stephen's death and the scattering abroad of many Christian witnesses, did not long remain unknown to the church in Jerusalem, and "they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch," (Acts 11:22).

When Barnabas arrived on the scene and had seen the work of the grace of God, he rejoiced with true Christian candor and began to exhort the believers that "with purpose of heart they should cling to the Lord." In what sense did Barnabas urge these believers to "cling to the Lord?" Do these words make the permanence and lastingness of our salvation to rest upon our ability to hold fast to the Lord? Do not the Scriptures teach that God holds us and we are in the grasp of the Father's hand and the Lord's hand? Does this overturn the sovereignty of God and make man capable of keeping himself saved by his own ability to hold on? Did Luke slip into Arminianism in his theology here? What do these words mean?

Barnabas was no heretic, but quite the opposite: a good, sound, faithful servant of God (vs.24). Nor is Luke guilty of advocating an Arminian theology. The church in Jerusalem acted in good faith and with due wisdom in sending Barnabas to Antioch, and what he did there is clear from the statements of vs.23. He rejoiced because of the grace of God which he saw in Antioch. We must note the gracious play on words in Luke's description between "the grace of God" (ten charin) and "Barnabas was glad" (echare). Luke saw more than the faith and conversion of people there in Antioch. Barnabas beheld the results of the preaching of the Word, and Luke saw the cause in the effect - the great ultimate source was the grace of God. To be sure, Barnabas had eyes to see, and he saw the true results of God's grace - that is why he was sent on this mission. Every task and service calls for an able, competent servant, and Barnabas saw what he was intended to see. And he saw the current need which was pressing now among these believers: nothing at this point to be corrected, but something vital to be impressed upon the minds and hearts of these Christians.

We might pause here to ask how many local churches could be visited today, in our time, by a faithful servant of the Lord such as Barnabas, without his finding many things needing correction? Take the current practice of modernist churches with their liberal ministers, of receiving people into their memberships by just letting them come in so as to augment the number of members, without any personal confession of faith and belief, and without separation from their old worldly life and habits. One day soon a greater than Barnabas will come, and then we shall see.

Luke records the fact that Barnabas counselled these Christians, exhorting them all, "that with purpose of heart they would cling unto the Lord," (11:23). It is of interest to note that the verb "exhorted" (parakalei) is the same word as that which is used to interpret the name "Barnabas" in Acts 4:36, paraklēseōs. Apparently the talent and capability of Barnabas lay particularly in the direction of encouragement, admonition, exhortation, and confirmation, and he exercised himself in keeping with his calling and ability. The imperfect tense of the verb form, parakalei, describes him as continuing to exhort and confirm these believers, especially the more recent ones. He knew the value of a continued ministry of encouragement, teaching, and admonition. And we must likewise evaluate it today.

"Cling" is the Greek *prosmenein*, from *prosmeno*, "remain with" in the sense of "continue in closest relation to." The term occurs seven times in the New Testament. In Matt. 15:32, Christ says of the multitude following Him: "They continue (*prosmenousin*) with Me now three days. . ." Mark 8:2 refers to the same circumstance, and also has *prosmenousin*. In 1 Tim. 1:3, Paul urges Timothy "to stay on" (*prosmenai*) at Ephesus, and in 1 Tim. 5:5, the Apostle characterizes a genuine Christian widow as "continuing (*prosmenei*) in supplication and prayers." The word also occurs three times in the Book of Acts. In 13:43, Paul and Barnabas persuaded Jewish and Grecian converts "to continue (*prosmenein*) in the grace of God." Acts 18:18 says that Paul "tarried," or "abode" a good while at Corinth, before sailing for Syria. Finally, there is the text in 11:23, "cling unto the Lord."

The heart and burden of this admonition by Barnabas is that these believers are to abide in the Lord, and to do it with "the purpose of the heart" (*te prothesei tes kardias*). They had already turned to the Lord - the good work of faith had been begun in their hearts. Now, with a firm mind, with fixed and settled determination and resolution,

Ordained To Gospel Ministry

An Ordination Council was called by the Perry Baptist Church of Canton, Ohio on November 10, 1981 to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry, Mr. Lee Spivey. Thirteen pastors and messengers were sent from area churches. Dr. Gerald Smelser, Cleveland Hebrew Mission, was Chairman of the Council and Rev. Marvin Werbeach, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rittman, Ohio was the Clerk.

Brother Spivey gave an excellent account of his salvation, call and doctrinal position.

The Council recommended to the church to proceed with the Ordination Service which was held at the Perry Baptist Church on November 15, 1981 at 2:30 P.M.

Marvin Werbeach
Clerk of Council

they must henceforward adhere to the Lord, and live a life of complete dependence upon Him, and of steadfast devotion to Him. It is not a case of (their) holding fast to Him for all they are worth, but rather a holding fast by Him, to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10). It is to continue in Him with purpose of heart, with a firm and deliberate resolution founded upon the revelation of the Holy Scriptures, and fixed upon that foundation.

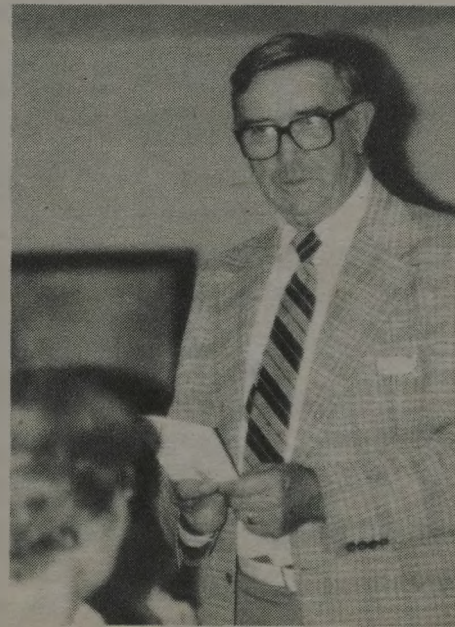
This is the plan and purpose that must be formed by all true Christians in the beginning of their new life, and without such a plan and design, there can be no evidence of true piety and faithfulness of conviction. It marks the reality of God working in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil.2:13), and the working out of our own salvation (Phil.2:12b). It is holding fast the form of good words (2 Tim.1:13), that which is good (1 Thess. 5:21), our confession (Heb. 10:23). It is holding fast the Head, with the whole heart, not simply of the understanding, but of the entire mind and consciousness, the guiding purpose of the will to adhere to the faith and be loyal to the Lord under all circumstances, and thus pursue our daily walk with the greatest circumspection, not as fools but as wise. And without such a prevalent, compelling, governing determination of the heart and will there can be no proof of our conversion. It is to testify with the Psalmist, "Oh God, my heart is fixed. . ." (Psm.108:1). And again, "His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord . . ." (Psm. 112:7).

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Rev. Ervin Butler

A special banquet was held by the FBHM Council at which Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Butler were honored for faithfully giving nine years of valuable service to the F.B.H.M. Our brother served as Mountain Plains Area Representative. He and his dear wife, Halie, travelled thousands of miles ministering to F.B.H.M. churches, speaking at their Area conferences and helping establish new works.

Appreciation was expressed by a number of members on the Council and a gift from the Mission was presented to "the Butlers" by President Austin D. Plew. In their retirement these dear folk will still be counted as valuable assets to the home missions ministry of F.B.H.M. in which they have been so much involved these years.

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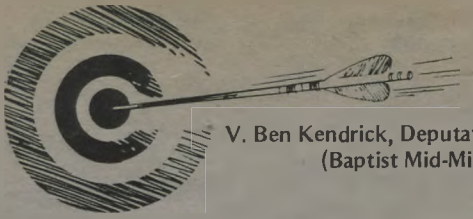
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In the current issue of **THE HARVEST** is the following announcement of a new Bible society founded by Baptist Mid-Missions.

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"Baptist Mid-Missions is currently involved in eighteen separate translation projects in national languages around the world. Six of them are now ready for printing. However, the existing Bible societies—either because of theological incompatibility or because of lack of sufficient funds—are unable to help us with projects of this magnitude. It is for this reason that Baptist Mid-Missions feels obligated to set up its own Bible society to be known as **BIBLES INTERNATIONAL**.

"Baptist Mid-Missions is pleased to announce that Rev. Paul Versluis has been appointed Field Director for **BIBLES INTERNATIONAL**. Paul Versluis has been with Baptist Mid-Missions for twenty-two years, nine of them in Assam, India, where he served in church planting and hospital administration. In addition to his earlier pastoral experience, he has organized and pastored four mission churches, two in Michigan, one in Alaska and one in Hawaii.

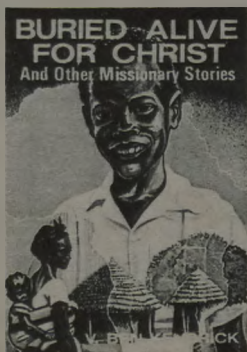
"Brother Versluis has a great heart for missions, valuable varied experience in missionary work and a keen zeal for seeing God's Word get into the hands of the people of the world."

Our report this month from **ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM** takes us from the printing of the Word to a communications ministry. News from the homeland or even contact among missionaries is a special blessing. Two retired men from the ranks of ABWE are providing a valuable communications ministry to their mission family. Orville Floden in St. Petersburg, Florida and Bob Burns at ABWE headquarters are both amateur radio operators who are meeting a communications need. The BRAG Net (Baptist Radio Amateur Group) reaches out to their missionaries in Columbia, Brazil, Peru and Paraguay with real benefit. The missionary operators must, of course, be "Hams" also and be duly licensed by the government where they reside. At 11:30 a.m. each weekday, the "CQ's" go forth from WAOWYA/4 Orv, the net control in St. Petersburg. A response comes from Bob, WB2CXI in Cherry Hill, and hopefully the missionaries in Lima, Asuncion, Natal, Tabatinga and Bogota are listening and report in. "Traffic" is handled by both the net control and headquarters. There are times when emergencies occur, and "Ham" radio is an important link. To receive an answer immediately from an administrator in headquarters about a perplexing problem is a source of encouragement to a missionary a few thousand miles away. Also a great satisfaction is the "phone patch" (a device through which the "Ham" operator connects his equipment to the telephone) enabling missionary Moms and Dads to speak directly with college based sons or daughters here in the States. This is all possible through the avenue of amateur radio. This worthwhile hobby has certainly been a blessing to many in the ABWE family.

The **FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS** reaches into Canada. The Western Area Representative for FBHM, Dr. George Hunt, sent the following report after his visit into Western Canada.

"The highlight of our return trip (from Winona Lake, Indiana) was first to Saskatoon, the first Canadian church in our association. Larry and Donna Pollock and the work are moving along splendidly, and this without substantial support. We visited with young men (pastors) who are interested in our ministry, as well as laymen who are interested. The attendance at Larry's church was about 60 and the interest and enthusiasm was great. Larry already had initiated the beginnings of a local fundamental Baptist fellowship and has seen great interest in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

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While traveling to and from games, the teams also participated in Christian service on Sundays when possible. The teams have done an excellent job in representing Christ both while competing in athletic competition and compassionately sharing Christ with those in need.

Faith Baptist Bible College News

The Winter Bible Conference will be February 15-19. Guest speakers include: Dr. Jack Jacobs of Waterloo, Iowa - Dr. John White, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Rev. Orlan Wilhite, Des Moines, Iowa. An expanded workshop schedule will be a new element of the conference with workshops and a mimi series in Christian ministries.

The dates for our Youth Conference in '82 are April 15-17. It will have as its theme - "Launch Out Into The Deep." Guest speaker is Rev. David Marks of Toledo, Ohio. Youth in 10th-12th grades and sponsors are encouraged to begin planning to come to this exciting conference.

As with many agencies FBBC is having some difficulty with cash flow. The economy is affecting many of the churches and people of our fellowship.

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The Necessity Of Pain

(Lessons learned from a Brazilian Leper Colony)

Editor's Note: It was the privilege of Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence Fetzner of the Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, to make a trip to the Amazon Valley region of South America. It was an exciting experience. Among other places visited was a leper colony located close to the city of Manaus, Brazil. The following article is born out of the experience.

The trouble with pain is that it hurts so much.

It is downright unpleasant,

It makes us feel bad;

in fact, it can be downright miserable.

Our bodies cry out against it.

We don't like to hurt.

We don't want to hurt.

We will go to great lengths to avoid pain.

We will try our best to cover it up.

So the TV bombards us with insistent and urgent claims about the most effective pain killer, and they make very sure that we know the proper way to spell RELIEF, and which brand of aspirin has the most potent ingredients.

And we wouldn't dare let our dentist fill even the tiniest cavity without a shot of Novocaine.

Why in the world did God have to create pain in the first place?

Think of all the trouble He would have saved us if He could only have come up with a better method to deal with injury or sickness in our bodies.

Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to hurt?

NO, it wouldn't!

We can not get along without pain.

Pain is an absolutely essential part of our human makeup.

Without pain, our suffering would be incredible.

That is the lesson I learned when I visited the Leper Colony near Manaus, Brazil.

A leper colony is never a pleasant place to visit.

There is not much joy there.

There is not much beauty there.

Nobody wants to live there,

And nobody wants to visit there,

not even for a brief stay.

A leper colony can be a pretty depressing place.

There is much suffering in the leper colony.

But I will tell you something about lepers that perhaps you didn't know —

THEY FEEL NO PAIN.

For, you see, leprosy is a degenerative disease that attacks the nerve sensors of the body, particularly those on the extremities — the hands and the feet and the face.

The nerves are damaged so that they are no longer able to control muscle movement, and can no longer transmit pain to the brain.

Leprosy destroys the sensation of pain.

Let me describe for you something about the marvelous network of pain in our bodies.

Your body contains a most intricate network of communication cables that carry messages back and forth between the brain and the rest of the body.

It is really a very sophisticated, fully automated, computer controlled communications system that simultaneously unites every part of our body to the central control unit in our brain.

One of the primary functions of this complex system is to register and communicate pain.

It is part of a defense system that God has built into our bodies to warn us of danger and to protect us from further damage to our bodies.

Here is how it works.

The hand reaches out to pick up the iron skillet that was inadvertently left on the burner.

It is now dangerously hot — enough to inflict a serious burn.

Upon touching the handle, the nerve sensors in the fingers immediately register "pain", and like lightning, send the message to the brain:

"Pain — Hot — Burn!"

Instantly the brain signals back to the muscles:

"Reflex action — Let go — Drop it,

Quick before it burns you worse!"

And you end up with an injury — a burn.

It may cause a blister on your finger, and it hurts.

And the pain tells you: "Do something about this finger; it's injured — protect it, keep it clean, don't let it get infected."

But what if there hadn't been any pain?

That hot skillet might have burned, not just the finger, but the whole palm, and maybe seared the flesh clear through to the bone.

The illustrations are infinite:

The man operates the saw, and accidentally his hand gets in the blade.

He quickly withdraws it; a nasty wound — loss of blood, many stitches to close the cut, and oh, that night, it really hurts, keeping him awake most of the night.

But without the pain, he would have cut off the whole hand and not known it.

A man has a terrible pain in his abdomen. "Boy, it really hurts — better get to the doctor." It is appendicitis! Better get it out before it ruptures, because if it does, it spells really serious trouble.

Oh, that terrible chest pain that strikes all of a sudden and doubles you up.

"Call the ambulance, and quick, give him oxygen, and get to the hospital." "

Without the pain, he'd never have known he was having a heart attack that could kill him if neglected.

Or there's the pregnant woman who starts to feel the pain: "Honey, it's time to go! Call the doctor!"

Pain has a vital function in our lives.

We couldn't get along without it.

But couldn't God have figured out some other way to alert us?

Couldn't he have given us an alarm system that rang a chime, or even a buzzer in our brain?

Why does it have to hurt so much?

I'll tell you why:

Because we'd so quickly become accustomed to bells and buzzers and chimes that we'd pay them little heed.

But, you see, this is an emergency situation that calls for drastic and immediate attention; and God knew it would take hurt, pain, and something downright unpleasant to get our immediate attention and force us into instantaneous action. Pain is not God's great goof.

It is, rather, God's gift to us for our protection and benefit.

It is a part of a marvelous design.

"Oh God, it hurts so — help me, God."

Now let's go back to my friend at the leper colony.

Leprosy is cruel, but not at all the way other diseases are — for there is little if any pain associated with it.

Leprosy destroys those nerve endings,

It acts as an anesthetic — sort of a permanent novocaine shot, numbing the pain cells of the hands, feet, and face.

Well, that doesn't sound so bad, does it?

Most diseases are feared because of the pain and discomfort.

Oh, good, here is one that doesn't hurt.

"I don't feel a thing."

That is just the tragedy of leprosy:

"I don't feel a thing.

No pain, no feeling, no sensation whatsoever."

So the leper picks up the hot skillet, and his brain never gets the message, and the leper doesn't even know that he has burned his flesh away right to the bone.

You get a splinter, and it hurts, so you dig it out. The leper gets a splinter and doesn't even know it. So it gets inflamed and infected, and becomes a raw, open sore.

You get a blister on your toe, and it hurts, so you put something on it, or get a better fitting pair of shoes. A leper gets a blister, possibly on the bottom of his toe. It's hard to see, and he keeps walking on it; it gets worse and worse and badly infected, and he doesn't even know it's there.

He twists his ankle and doesn't feel it, and keeps walking on it and further damages the torn and injured ligaments, but it never hurts.

Before you know it or can do much about it, feet are permanently twisted, fingers are literally destroyed, by burns and cuts and bruises and infections that would be just minor irritations to you and me.

Toes are lost because of an ingrown toe nail, or a blister, or a scratch.

A little speck of dirt gets in the eye and the person can't feel it, so the eye is permanently and irreparably scratched.

Because there is no pain, the leper might lose the use of his hands and become crippled in his feet; he may even lose his feet.

And he may lose his eye sight, all quite painlessly.

I tell you, pain and suffering are not the same thing. I saw so much suffering in the leper colony, but there wasn't any pain.

Next time it hurts, try to remember — God gave you the privilege of pain. It's for your own protection.

Well, a leper colony is a pretty depressing place.

But I'm here to tell you that there is Glorious Hope in the leper colony.

1. There is hope in the provision of God; in giving modern miracle drugs to stop disease and halt the spread and prevent the contagion. There is hope also in surgery that can sometimes repair injuries, though surgery cannot replace fingers or feet.

2. But there is even greater hope, and that is among the believers who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day I was there, the believers had gathered in their tidy and clean little church — in fact, they filled it up. The church has 53 members on the roll, and only one was absent.

They made their way from across the colony on foot. A leper has a very peculiar walk, because of the injury to the feet, and its affect on the balance.

They wear very strange: shoes designed to give maximum protection to their vulnerable feet.

Some members of the church are not on the attendance roll, because they don't have feet and can't walk, so they can't come to church. So those who can get about go to them.

As I preached on the love of God to that congregation of lepers, I could see the smiles on their faces and the nods of their heads as they drank in the Word of God.

After I finished speaking the congregation spontaneously broke into a chorus in Portuguese.

I asked Pastore Alberto (Missionary Al Spieth),

"What does that mean? What are they saying?"

He translated for me. The words were,

"I am happy in the Lord."

Those weren't just hollow, idle words.

They were really happy. It showed on their faces. They had Christ in their hearts.

It was an oasis of hope and joy in the midst of the gloom and depression of a leper colony.

Well, my friends are still there today, still suffering.

Some of them, like one dear believer whom we visited in this home, will never walk again and never see again.

Some of them will never leave that leper colony until they go home to Heaven.

God has provided the medicine to stop the disease. Those who caught it early will be able to leave and return to society.

Those who didn't still bear the scars of leprosy: twisted hands, missing fingers and God has not chosen to restore or to replace the lost flesh and bone.

He has not straightened out the twisted ankles.

But He had done a greater miracle in their lives.

He has saved their souls.

He has forgiven their sin.

He has made them all children of God.

He has delivered them from fear and despair.

He has filled their hearts with joy and their mouths with singing.

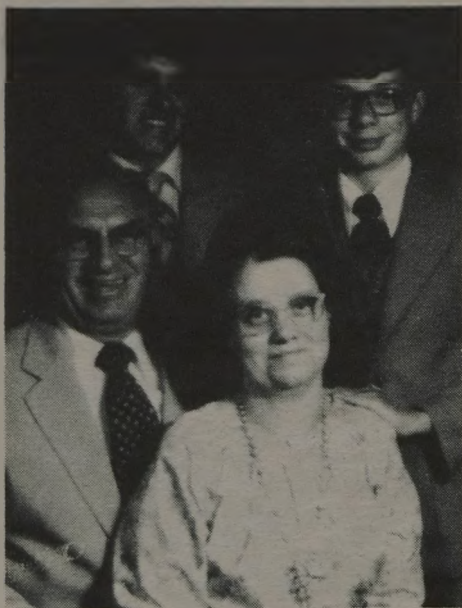
What hope He has given them

and oh, how they love one another.

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Dain and Margaret Canterbury came to the Buckeye State with their three-year old son, Daniel, in 1964. Dain's ministry was approved by their home church, Mt. Tabor Baptist (GARBC) of Beckley, West Virginia, pastored by Rev. B. C. Jennings. In 1966 their second son, Timothy, was born.

In 1966 Dain was ordained pursuant to a recommendation by a counsel from several Baptist Churches and he was involved in the organization of the West Moriah Association of Independent Baptist Churches. He served as the first Moderator of the Association which grew out of the West Moriah Pastor's Fellowship.

Following their first pastorate of seven years at Thurston, Ohio, the Canterburys worked with a new Baptist church in Carrollton; then served five and one-half years in a new church under the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, at Baltimore, Ohio. They are presently on "inactive status" with FBHM.

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The folks at the First Baptist Church of Findlay, Ohio are now the proud and thankful owners of a new Artist 717 Electronic Organ. The previous organ had just about seen its last days since it was purchased thirty years ago. Funds for the organ were acquired from the congregation through a "key promise" program. Each family promised to buy one or more keys and then bring their offering in on our Harvest Sunday, November 22. We are thankful to the Lord for the faithfulness and sacrifice of our members and friends who made possible this much needed addition to our ministry. A dedication service will be held in the near future.

Dain and Margaret left Ohio for a time when they responded to a call to Rogers, Kentucky. Resigning that work in September 1980, they moved to Lancaster, Ohio. Dain teaches a senior adult class and Margaret serves as secretary for the Calvary Baptist Church under the faithful and fruitful ministry of Kirby Lancaster, Jr. Dain is "tent-making" in secular business, serving the Lord as He leads, and is available to the churches for pulpit supply, special meetings, etc. He believes local Bible preaching churches are God's gracious provision for this age. He can be contacted at 350 E. Wheeling Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 - telephone 614/653-0346.

Two Summer Teams To Travel

Two teams will be traveling in the summer of 1982, representing Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary - the SPOKESMEN, a male quartet, and the PROCLAMATION, a mixed ensemble of eight. Both teams are prepared to preach, teach, testify and counsel, as well as minister through vocal and instrumental music.

The SPOKESMEN will tour in Michigan, northern Indiana, northern Illinois, and central Iowa.



The Spokesmen

The PROCLAMATION group have been invited to minister in the Windward Islands. In addition they will minister in schools and churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida. Following their missionary work at the Islands, they will continue touring up the East Coast and through Pennsylvania and New York.



The Proclamations

Churches, schools, and camps interested in hosting one of these teams should contact Fred Carlson at Grand Rapids Baptist College.

Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College News

Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary is pleased to announce that Mr. James M. Grier has accepted the position of Seminary Dean. He will join us in July of 1982. He has been Associate Professor of Philosophy at Cedarville College since 1969. In addition to his administration duties, he will be teaching in the philosophical theology area.

October 4th was a great day as speakers and special music from the College and Seminary ministered in nearly 100 churches in celebration of our 40th anniversary. The letters and reports that have come in on the day have been encouraging, and to-date we have received nearly \$16,000 from the special offerings that were taken in the churches that day.

Nearly 1500 alumni, friends, parents and guests joined together at the new Grand Center Hall in downtown Grand Rapids on October 24 to wrap up a year of celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary. Dr. Welch spoke of future plans and goals, and friends responded generously to our current needs with an offering of over \$41,000 in gifts and pledges.

Mr. Leon Bowland, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament will be leading a Bible Lands Tour this year. The dates are June 15 - July 4. The cost is \$2182, with the optional trip to Turkey at an additional \$335. This includes all tips and taxes. The tour will include Israel, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Interested parties should contact Professor Leon Rowland at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary - 1001 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan - 49505.

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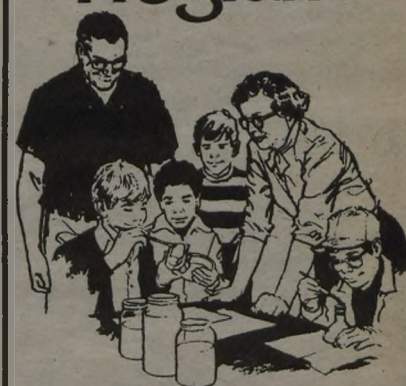
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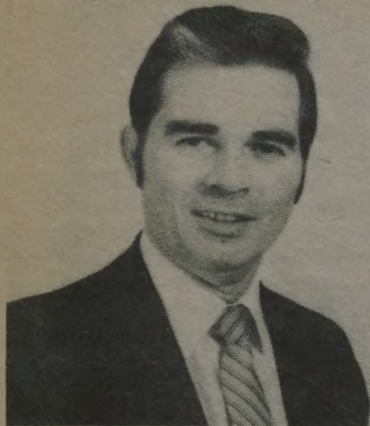


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Norton Pastor Ordained To Ministry



Rev. David Elmore

An Examining Council convened at the Norton Baptist Church in Norton, Ohio on Monday, September 28, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. to consider and advise as to the propriety of ordaining their pastor Brother David Elmore.

Rev. Dean Henry, Pastor of the Brown Street Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio, served as Moderator. Rev. Marvin Werbeach, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rittman, Ohio was elected to be the Clerk. Thirteen Regular Baptist Churches sent 32 messengers. Of this number, sixteen were pastors.

After the candidate was carefully examined concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrinal position, the Council voted unanimously that the church proceed with the ordination.

The Ordination Service was held at the Norton Baptist Church on October 11. Those participating in the services were: Rev. Rex Lowe, Rev. Marvin Werbeach, Rev. Dean Henry, Adam Steele, Ivan Antill, Howard Davis, and the pastor's father - Rev. Austin Elmore. Special music was presented by Pastor David Elmore and his dear wife, Marcia. Rev. David Elmore pronounced the benediction. Following the service a reception was held to honor Rev. Elmore.

Toledo Church Holds Installation Service

On December 7, members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio met for a special Installation Service for their new pastor - Rev. Robert G. Perry. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Larry Wilson, served as Master of Ceremonies. Those from the church participating in the service were: Mr. Lou Regnier, Mr. Mel Kigar, Mr. Warren Miller, and Mr. Steve Forrest. A special musical number was presented by Diane Bundy and Joyce Grodi.

Others, also having a part in this service, were: Dr. Ernest Pickering (pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo), Rev. Larry Engle (former pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Toledo but now serving as pastor of the Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio), and Editor/State Representative Don Moffat.

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Fellowship Of Missions

The Galilean Baptist Mission recently hosted the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Missions. Dr. William J. Hopewell, Jr. serves as President of this fellowship.

F.O.M. is a fellowship of fundamental, separated mission agencies associated together for the defense of the Gospel, and for fellowship and information in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord. At present, there are fourteen member agencies with approximately 2,825 missionaries in the United States and some fifty foreign countries. It is a unique organization that takes a clear stand against the World Council of Churches and Neo-Evangelicalism. Many non-member agencies are also in fellowship with F.O.M. and are welcomed guests at the annual meetings. All of our GARBC approved agencies are a part of this fellowship.

The official publication of the organization is "FOCUS ON MISSIONS" which is edited by Miss Benice Inman of Baptist Mid-Missions. Individuals desiring to receive this publication may do so by writing Miss Inman, 4205 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

Good News From Pickerington Church

We praise the Lord for the good report sent us by Pastor Jim Hostetler of the Berean Baptist Church in Pickerington, Ohio. There is a spirit of true evangelistic excitement. There have been first time visitors in their congregation for seven straight weeks. A Swordbearer Team from Cedarville College canvassed 471 houses on November 14 which brought about some immediate results. During November it was a joy to see souls come to Christ for salvation. Of this number there were those definitely interested in baptism and church membership. A strong emphasis has been placed on prayer by both pastor and people. It is firmly believed the blessings being realized are as a direct result of this prayer burden. The Lord is good!

At their recent meeting, guest speakers included: Dr. Allan E. Lewis, Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, Mrs. Mary Walker, Mr. Robert Auffort, Rev. William T. Commons, Rev. Henry J. Heidjermans, Rev. Eldon Durant, and Dr. Raymond C. Buck.

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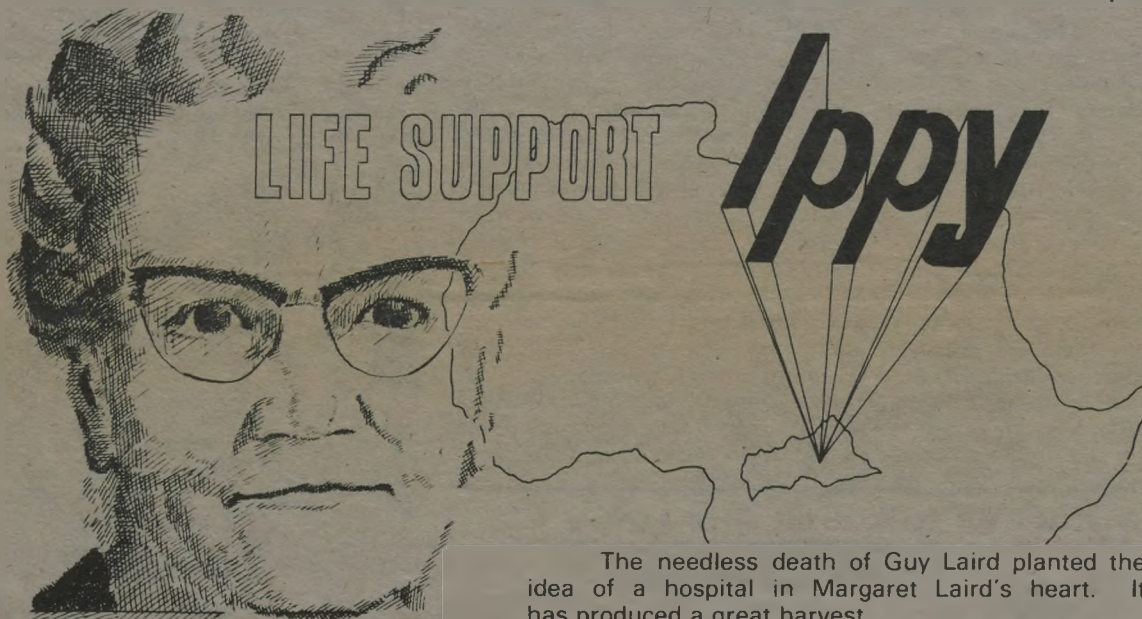
West Moriah Assoc.

On November 17, 1981, some 46 pastors, layman and wives of the West Moriah Association met at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ohio. Host pastor was Rev. Kirby Lancaster, Jr. The topic for the meeting was - "The Pastor and His Family." Guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. William Wheeler of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. They spoke on the pastor's family, specifically the cultivation of his marital relationship.

At their December 15 meeting, which was held at the Berean Baptist Church in Pickerington, Ohio, the area of discussion was - "The Pastor and His Planning." Host pastor at this meeting was Rev. Jim Hostetler.

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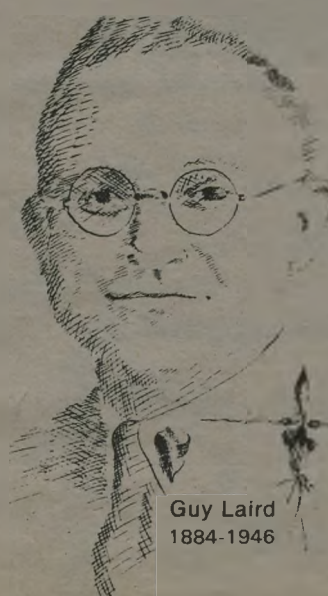
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